

Senate Resolution No. 15

Introduced by Senators Knight, Battin, Brulte, Haynes, Johnson, Margett, McClintock, Monteith, Morrow, Oller, and Poochigian

Relative to the 85th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was founded in February 8, 1910; and

WHEREAS, The year 2001 marks the 85th anniversary of the federal charter granted to the Boy Scouts of America by the Congress of the United States of America on June 15, 1916; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts is one of the largest youth-serving organizations in America, boasting more than 110 million alumni; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, The Scout Oath of the Boy Scouts is, “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight”; and

WHEREAS, The Scout Law specifies that “A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent”; and

WHEREAS, American families rely on the Boy Scouts of America to provide a logical and clear system of moral values that promote good character, personal conviction, a devotion to principle, a sense of ethics, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts come from all walks of life and experience diversity in scouting that they often cannot see elsewhere in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Scouting helps children from cities, suburbs, and rural areas and from all faiths and races regardless of their economic status; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America offers young men responsible fun and adventure while developing the ethical quality of their characters, which is so vital to their training in citizenship, leadership, and service; and

WHEREAS, Scouting makes a direct and positive impact on our communities by teaching the principles of the American social,

economic, and governmental systems, along with the values that encourage leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America have instilled these values in millions of young men, including Neil Armstrong, Gerald Ford, John F. Kennedy, Hank Aaron, Steven Spielberg, Bill Bradley, Ross Perot, Bill Gates, James Lovell, Nolan Ryan, and Steve Young; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate hereby congratulates the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of their congressional charter, and recognizes the valuable contributions made by the Boy Scouts of America in training our young men for citizenship, service, and leadership; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Boy Scouts of America and to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 15 read and adopted by the Senate September 12, 2001.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate

